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- 25X1X 1. [REDACTED] the following members of the Syrian Nationalist Party are among those Syrians who have gone to Alexandria, Egypt, to congratulate former President Shukri Quwatli on his return to the Middle East:

Salah Shaykh-al-Ard - architect  
 Sa'id Tillawi - Editor of the Damascus newspaper, al-Fayah  
 Fawzi Annin - Editor of the Damascus newspaper, al-Nazan  
 Munir Dib  
 Manduh Haffar\* - merchant  
 Abu Reslan Muhammad Tanbakji - merchant  
 'Abd-al-Hadi Ha'sarani - merchant\*\*  
 Salah-al-Din Shamsi Pasha - merchant\*\*\*  
 Rafa't Ghazzi - property broker\*\*\*\*

2. On 25 October 1949 members of this group not in Damascus and decided to submit Quwatli's name as a candidate in the forthcoming elections in Syria.

25X1X \* [REDACTED] Comment. Manduh Haffar is a Syrian merchant who has been in Italy in 1943 and 1949, engaged in obtaining arms for the Syrian Army.

25X1X \*\* [REDACTED] Comment. 'Abd-al-Hadi Ha'sarani and Salah-al-Din Shamsi Pasha were reported by the Damascus press on 24 October 1949 to be in Baghdad, where the members of the Syrian Legation were watching their contacts with members of the various Iraqi political parties.

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